

Weak People

It's not what we eat, but what we digest that makes strength. The trouble with most weak people is, they can neither eat nor digest good food.

Such people can't work successfully. It takes fuel to make steam, and it takes food to make strength. A young fellow came in the other day. He was white and thin. "I'm afraid I'll have to give up my job," said he. "I'm tired before the day is half gone. I seem to be losing strength all the time."

The clerk said: "Fred, I know something that will help you. It's Vinol. The boss has got hold of a way to prepare cod liver oil so it tastes all right. He calls it Vinol. There is iron in it, and it's just the stuff for fellows like you. It'll give you an appetite. It won't hurt you anyway. Lots of folks round here are taking it, and they tell their friends, and they come and get it. If it don't help you, come back and get your money."

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9:15 a. m.—Passenger for Troy, Albany and New York.

10:15 a. m.—Express for Rutland, Burlington, Montpelier, and Ogdensburg.

11:15 a. m.—Local Passenger for Rutland, Burlington, and intermediate stations.

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Tuesday's Result.

The outcome of the vote on the local option bill Tuesday is the logical result of the campaign of education that has been waged during the past seven months. It was a good day and a fair test and the voters unmistakably declared their preference.

It is a strange coincidence that the new law should be adopted by almost exactly the same majority as that which carried prohibition into effect 50 years ago this month.

The closeness of the vote renders the change an experiment. The prohibitionists being beaten by so small a majority, will not be content to let the matter rest but will at once begin agitation for the repeal of the new law which must therefore prove its value in order to remain on the statute books.

The vote justified the claims of the local optionists in one important respect. The progressive growing sections of the state supported the bill by strong majorities, while those counties which are steadily losing in population and are backward and unprogressive all voted for prohibition.

Says the Waterbury Record: "Bennington—Vermont's Bennington has gamblers and two joints have been raided. This does not sound well."

But it is echoed in any town of considerable size in Vermont, that is, all but the raids. It has so long been the habit of our self-satisfied brethren to sit back, fold their hands, shut their eyes, and murmur peacefully "There is no evil here," that now and then a revelation of the seamy side is worth while.

And the purpose of those revelations should be to persuade the public that Vermonters are quite as human as anybody else, that we have pretty much all the human weaknesses and vices and are not altogether strangers to the methods of their gratification, even if we do live in a rural state. Perhaps when this lesson is learned, we can have less law-making by the idealists and theorists and more by the men who realize what the actual conditions are and know something about how they may be met by practical law.—St. Albans Messenger.

Games of chance and bluff will continue to thrive until human nature changes. Vermont human nature is no different from that of the rest of the country and Bennington will average up doubtless with the rest of the state though Bennington, we believe, never boiled an insane patient alive in a bathtub as happened over in Waterbury, and Bennington did not twist Waterbury of being more brutal than the rest of the world because Waterbury chanced to be the scene of such an unfortunate and horrible affair.

The victory for the local option law should not be construed into a victory for intemperance. Temperance is a cardinal virtue and in the reaction from 50 years' failure to legislate men into being good this should not be lost sight of. Whiskey is a cunning enemy and its victims sooner or later will always be set down among the world's failures. Vermont has voted to be honest and do its liquor business on an honest basis instead of on a basis of perjury, hypocrisy and humbug as in the past, but in the change there is perhaps danger that some weak ones may be carried off their feet into intemperance and excess and lose control of themselves before they strike the new balance. Don't discredit yourself and the new law at the same time by proving weak and foolish and exposing yourself and the law to the danger of being held up as an example in favor of prohibition.

The next thing to consider is the selection of license commissioners to carry out the provisions of the new law. In this county, the towns of Bennington, Pownal, Arlington, Manchester and Dorset, and perhaps others will vote at the March election to grant licenses. It is essential, if the new law is not to be discredited at the start, that good, strong sensible boards of license be chosen to administer the law. The license commissioners will be appointed by the selectmen of the towns.

Bennington proved the banner town of the state in the local-option column Tuesday. Bennington cast over 88 per cent of her vote in favor of the new bill, while Rutland, after all her boasts, only gave 77 per cent and Barre, St. Albans and other license towns ranged from 60 to 75 per cent. Glashburn voted solid, 9 to 0, for the new law and so did Brunswick in Essex county, 6 to 0.

Kidney complaint kills more people than other diseases. This is due to the fact that it is so insidious that it gets a good hold on the system before it is recognized. Foley's Kidney Cure will prevent the development of fatal disease if taken in time. Quinlan's Pharmacy.

Now that the battle over the prohibitory law is temporarily over, let us turn our attention to agitating for other things for the good of the state. There are plenty of things that will thrive in spite of prohibition or local-option or both of them and if the state will get after them with as much energy as it has displayed over the matter of appetite and its control, some that are good are bound to be brought to pass.

The victory for local-option by so small a majority, puts the test of the law directly on its merits. It must prove its value or be discarded in two or four years. Friends of local-option and temperance should remember this: The new law will be judged by the way it is enforced and the only way to keep it is to enforce it and show that in this important respect it is superior to prohibition.

Tuesday morning the prohibitionists rubbed their hands gleefully after looking at the weather and said, "This is our day." But it wasn't the day, but the voters that decided it, and they were for local-option.

Regular Monthly Meeting Monday Evening—Bills Ordered Paid.

The regular meeting of the board of village trustees was held Monday evening. Most of the village fathers were present. Among the bills voted to be paid was for street lighting, \$425.84; rent of fire station No. 2, \$116.25; highways, \$36.70; sewers, \$73.22; police, \$40.25; wood for fire department, \$30.50.

Voted to refer the bill from the municipal court to the finance committee for investigation.

The nominations by the fire department for engineers were approved.

Voted to present to E. L. Bates for payment a bill of \$50 for curbing.

CAMBRIDGE.
Mrs. Middlebrook of Burlington has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Sidney Mosher.

Warren Hawkins died, Jan. 27, at Kinderhook. A wife and two daughters survive.

Frank Larmon who has been at Little Rock, Arkansas, for the past year has returned home.

Miss Mattie Fowler has accepted a position as stenographer in White River Junction.

Benjamin L. Ward has been re-appointed postmaster. This will be his third term of efficient service.

Miss Vesta Stevens has returned from upper Troy, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. S. G. Buck.

Ex-Supervisor Geo. R. King and Mrs. Sarah McMillan of Jackson were married, Jan. 28, at the home of the bride. Their pastor, Rev. John Scott, tied the knot. They went to Boston on their wedding trip.

HE FOUND IT.
Partly because of Good Fortune and Partly because He was Watching and Searching.

When Columbus set sail in search of a new continent the wise men of his time called him an adventurous fool. Yet he discovered America. You may say that was an accident. Yes, but it was the kind of accident that happens only to men who are looking for it. During a long professional practice Dr. David Kennedy, of Kingston, N. Y., was continually watching out for a better medicine than any thus far known for certain complaints.

He could not imagine when or how he should find it, perhaps (more likely indeed) he should never find it at all. So he thought. But the right idea came to him finally and the result was the preparation called Calum Solvent. The name means a solvent, or dissolver, of stone, or chalk deposits, in the kidneys or bladder, a remedy for the error of gravel, and of diseases caused by various blood or glandular. Experiment showed that Calum Solvent would cure red or white gravel without pain or danger to the patient, and expel from the system the uric acid which causes gout and rheumatism. If it did no more Dr. Kennedy's discovery would stand as one of the most useful ones in the history of medicine, but it is equally effective in complaints of the digestive organs. This medicine for physicians and a medicine for the people. Be sure about the name—Calum Solvent, Dr. Kennedy's new medicine.

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SOUTH SHAFTSBURY

Mrs. Louis Millington was in Arlington Monday.

Edwin Hawkins was in Troy, N. Y., on Saturday of last week.

John Gordon is able to go out, attended by Nurse Griswold.

L. W. Cole expects to take a business trip to New York this week.

William Whipple and Charles Monroe were in Troy, N. Y., Monday.

Charles Ross has rented W. J. Coulter's farm and will move there soon.

The Epworth League netted over \$13 at their oyster supper, last Friday evening.

Rev. Dr. Washburne of Bennington will preach in the Methodist church next Sunday.

Mrs. Grace Morgan of Brandon is living in the family of Mrs. C. K. Hawkins at present.

Vincent Allen was in the place while on his short vacation home from U. V. M. at Burlington.

There is hardly a vestige of snow left at this writing. Another thaw seems approaching.

The Sunday school teachers' meeting was held at Mrs. C. R. Hawkins on Wednesday evening.

E. B. Canfield and Louis Mattison went to Arlington to the entertainment on Friday night.

Several from this village attended the oyster supper and dance at Wm. Stockwell's last Friday evening.

Mrs. E. B. Canfield and son and Miss Florence Burleson visited at F. N. Canfield's in Arlington a few days last week.

Arthur Johnson and Miss Mina Harrington were recently married and have gone to housekeeping in a part of F. Howard's tenement.

Invitations are out for the wedding of George Howard and Miss Bessie Phillips of North Bennington. The ceremony is to take place the 12th.

Presiding Elder Rev. Dr. George W. Brown will meet in the last quarterly conference with the Methodist church in this place on Friday evening, the 6th of February.

Mrs. Archibald Hill, who has been so long in the family of Wallace Lyons, has taken part of Mr. Howard's tenement and resumed housekeeping. A brother, Mr. Bramble, is living with her.

Rev. L. C. Cook of Cambridge, N. Y., preached both morning and evening in the Methodist church last Sunday, and his sermons were enjoyed by all who heard them. Mr. Cook was entertained at the home of C. R. Hawkins over Sunday.

A three act play entitled "A Cheerful Lie," will be given at Cole Hall on Friday evening, February 13th, under the management of the Village Improvement Society. The play is a very amusing one, exciting laughter through the entire performance. Further notice will appear next week.

One Minute Cough Cure gives relief in one minute, because it kills the microbe which thickens the mucous membrane, causing the cough, and at the same time clears the phlegm draws out the inflammation and heals and soothes the affected parts. One Minute Cough Cure strengthens the lungs, wards off pneumonia and is a harmless and never failing cure in all curable cases of Coughs, Colds and Croup. One Minute Cough Cure is pleasant to take, harmless and good alike for young and old. H. A. Quinlan.

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When You Think



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FREAR'S TROY BAZAAR

Notice to Sell Real Estate of B. F. Wood, deceased.

STATE OF VERMONT.

JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF BENNINGTON.

In Probate Court, held at the Probate Office in Bennington, on the 12th day of January, A. D. 1903.

Present, John V. Carney, Judge.

M. H. Woodward administrator of the estate of B. F. Wood, late of Bennington, in said District, deceased, makes application to said Court for license to sell all of the real estate of said deceased situate in the village of Bennington in the town of Bennington, for bonds and description reference may be had to the land records in the Town Clerk's Office of the Town of Bennington aforesaid, representing that the sale of said real estate will be beneficial to the estate of said deceased and those interested in said estate.

Whereupon, it is ordered by said Court, that said application be referred to a session thereof, to be held at the Probate Office in Bennington, on the 12th day of February, A. D. 1903, for hearing and decision thereon; and it is further ordered, that all persons interested be notified hereof by publication of notice of said application and order thereon, three weeks successively in the Banner and Reformer, a newspaper published at Bennington, and in the neighborhood of those interested, before said time of hearing, that they may appear at said time and place, and if they see cause, object thereto by the Court.

Attest, JOHN V. CARNEY, Judge.

Witness my hand and seal of the Court, this 12th day of January, A. D. 1903.

Estate of Ellen L. Reed.

Will Presented.

STATE OF VERMONT.

JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF BENNINGTON.

In Probate Court, held at the Probate Office in Bennington, on the 12th day of January, A. D. 1903.

Present, John V. Carney, Judge.

An Instrument, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Ellen L. Reed, late of Shaftsbury in said District, deceased, being presented by Harter & Darling for the executors therein named, for Probate, it is ordered by said Court, that all persons concerned therein be notified to appear at a session thereof, to be held at the Probate Office in Bennington, on the 12th day of February, A. D. 1903, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause if any they have, against the probate of said will for which purpose it is further ordered that this order be published three weeks successively in the Banner and Reformer, a newspaper printed at Bennington, in this state, previous to said time of hearing.

By the Court.

Attest, JOHN V. CARNEY, Judge.

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT AND APPLICATION FOR DISTRIBUTION.

Estate of Joshua W. Hager.

STATE OF VERMONT.

JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF BENNINGTON.

At a session of the Probate Court, holden at the Probate Office in Bennington, in said District, on the 5th day of January, A. D. 1903.

Present, John V. Carney, Judge.

Harry P. Hager, executor of the estate of Joshua W. Hager, late of Woodford in said District, deceased, presents his administration account for examination and allowance, and makes application for a decree of distribution and partition of the estate of said deceased. Whereupon, it is ordered by said Court, that notice thereof be given to all parties interested by publication of this order in the Banner and Reformer, a newspaper published at Bennington, previous to said time of hearing, that they may appear at said time and place, and show cause, if any they may have, why said account should not be allowed, and such decree made.

A record whereof is ordered to be made.

A true record.

Attest, JOHN V. CARNEY, Judge.

A true copy of the original record.

Attest, JOHN V. CARNEY, Judge.

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